

February 15, 2006

**BOURBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES HEARING No. 2 REPORT  
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

The second public hearing was held at the Bourbon County Preschool Head Start Center on February 14, 2006, at 6:00 P.M. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose an amended District Facility Plan. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 4 to 12 against the proposed amended plan and the Board voted 3 to 1 to approve the amendment presented to the LPC for consideration.

There were forty-four (44) individuals in attendance. Lana Fryman, Superintendent, served as the locally appointed hearing officer. Those in attendance included school administrators, certified and classified employees, community and county officials, parents, students, and community residents.

**COMMENTS**

Ms. Fryman called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations would be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed amendment to the District Facility Plan which includes: **changing Millersburg Elementary to a transitional center, deleting it's construction priority and scheduling a new priority at Cane Ridge Elementary to propose renovation and additions to Cane Ridge to accommodate the Millersburg students.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. Approximately seventeen individuals spoke and their comments were recorded. Copies of the recordings were presented to each school board member and are on file at the local school board office and at the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Facilities Management for review.

The comments covered the following:

- Questions concerning the involvement of the Kentucky Department of Education in the decisions by the local board that led to the amendment of the District Facilities Plan.
- Questions concerning the estimated cost for a project as listed on the local facility plan compared to the higher cost when the plan is bid for construction.
- Questions concerning why elected board members won't listen to the people of Millersburg or the local planning committee.
- Statements indicating that people feel they are not being fairly represented and that they are a democracy and the board should do what the majority wants.
- Questions on why board members did not come to the public hearing.
- Questions on why Millersburg is not being renovated.
- Statements expressing disappointment with the board and superintendent.
- Questions on the facts and figures about the size and achievement scores at Millersburg.
- Questions on why the transition had to come next year and why it couldn't wait another year or two and put a little money in Millersburg.

- Comments that a by-pass scheduled to go around Millersburg would create growth and we would need Millersburg.
- Comments that merging the two schools would cause safety hazards, over-capacity in their classrooms, increased fuel costs, wear and tear on buses, longer bus rides, temporary loss of computer labs and art rooms, and lower their test scores.
- Accusations that there is some kind of illegal connection or personal gain concerning the board, the superintendent, and local bank.
- Accusations that the superintendent is misleading the board and public with data and strong arming the board and LPC.
- Comments that students should not be put in a school next to a Comp Care Center, Chemical Plant, abandoned building, and jail.
- Comments that the construction will disrupt learning.
- Accusations of not thinking about the students and contributing to the death of a town.
- Accusations of the superintendent talking to the board members about the issue.
- Questions on what will become of the building if closed.
- Questions about a grant that could be used to renovate Millersburg.
- Comments that past boards and the community neglected the school and caused it to be in its current state.
- Comments that if it is to happen, everyone should work together, be kind, and think of the children first.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the District Facility Plan amended by the Bourbon County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Bourbon County School District. A copy of the amended plan is attached. Copies of the LPC meeting minutes and voting tallies, the local board meetings and votes and petitions are on file at the local school board office and at the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Facilities Management for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Lana Fryman, Hearing Officer

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